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Greetings, I attended a briefing with Director Hughes from the NIEHS Worker Training Program, with representatives from the TX DSHS ATSDR Cooperative agreement partner, CDR Troy Ritter (CDC private wells drinking water assessment), and Tesfaye Bayleyegn (CDC disaster epidemiology surveillance) and others. The meeting was held today at 1500 CDT at the TX DSHS office in Austin.

Director Hughes offered worker training, PPE, and outreach efforts to responders and volunteers in the impacted areas of Texas. His group has a wealth of experience (Hurricanes Sandy, Katrina, and Deepwater horizon). Director Hughes is working with several universities in the area as well as volunteer organizations such as AmeriCorps. I introduced him to Bruce Clements. Mr. Clements suggested that Mr. Hughes provide a listing of PPE that the State could use for a STAR request to augment existing worker protection efforts.

Director Hughes knows most of the NCEH/ATSDR leadership and is well connected. It was a pleasure to learn about the resources his unit can bring to enhance worker/volunteer health and safety.

I discussed our agency and role here in Austin as we progress to the recovery phase of

the response. Additionally, I discussed one of my roles during the response to Hurricane Katrina and how we were able secure 75,000 NIOSH approved respirators for volunteers in Saint Bernard Parish.

The mission of NIEHS is listed below

The National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) was given major responsibility for initiating a training grants program under the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA) . The primary objective of this program is to fund non-profit organizations with a demonstrated track record of providing occupational safety and health education in developing and delivering high quality training to workers who are involved in handling hazardous waste or in responding to emergency releases of hazardous materials. Since the initiation of the Hazardous Waste Worker Training Program in 1987, the NIEHS has developed a strong network of non-profit organizations that are committed to protecting workers and their communities by delivering high-quality, peer-reviewed safety and health curriculum to target populations of hazardous waste workers and emergency responders.

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Great and thanks!

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I have a meeting today with Heidi Bojes (TX DSHS) and Chip Hughes. I will summarize the key points discussed at the meeting today at 2 CDT.

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On Sep 12, 2017, at 12:18 PM, Rodenbeck, Sven (ATSDR/DCHI/OD) <svr1@cdc.gov> wrote:

Hey Tarah, Gary, and Patrick!

During the ESF 8 Con Call today, NIH mentioned that NIEHS was in the Houston/Austin area to coordinate safety training and perhaps some environmental sampling/environmental health activities (primarily by the NIEHS research grantees).

Do you have any visibility on the NIEHS environmental health activities? I think there was a mention of a meeting. But the person reporting was on a cell phone and the audio was not very good.

If possible, we should try and link up with them and make sure our EPA contacts are aware and perhaps linked up with the NIEHS folks and grantees.

Thanks!

Sven

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